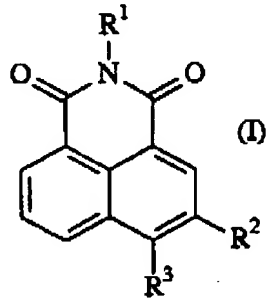
I. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces without prejudice all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

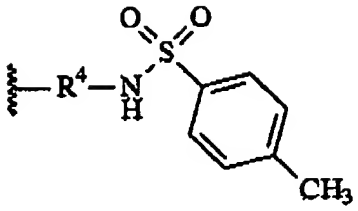
1. (Currently amended) A method of inhibiting a neurotrophin-mediated activity in a mammal comprising the step of administering to said mammal an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Formula I,



(I)

wherein

R^1 is selected from alkyl; aryl-loweralkyl; loweralkyl-carbonate; amino monosubstituted or disubstituted with a hydroxyloweralkyl; benzimidazol-2-yl;



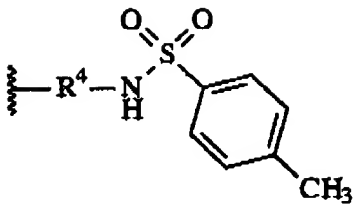
wherein R^4 is phenyl optionally monosubstituted or disubstituted with a substituent selected from loweralkyl and halo; phenyl optionally monosubstituted or disubstituted with a substituent selected from amino, loweralkoxy, hydroxy and loweralkyl; $NHCH_2CH_2OX$ wherein X represents an in vivo hydrolyzable ester; and C_2-C_4 alkyl-(R^5)(R^6) wherein one of R^5 and R^6 is selected from H and loweralkyl and the other is selected from carboxy-loweralkyl and loweralkoxycarbonyl; and

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from H, NO_2, halo, di(loweralkyl)amino, cyano, C(O)OH, phenyl-S-, loweralkyl, and Z(O)OR^7 wherein Z is selected from C and S and R^7 is selected from H, loweralkylamino and arylamino, with the provisos that: (i) R^2 and R^3 are not both hydrogen, and (ii) when R^3 is NO_2, R^1 is not benzyl;

~~and~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable ~~salts~~ salt thereof~~, in an amount effective to inhibit neurotrophin-mediated activity,~~ and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

2. (Currently amended) ~~A pharmaceutical composition~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is selected from alkyl; aryl-loweralkyl; loweralkyl-carbonate; amino monosubstituted or disubstituted with a hydroxyloweralkyl; benzimidazol-2-yl;



wherein R^4 is phenyl optionally monosubstituted or disubstituted with a substituent selected from loweralkyl and halo; phenyl optionally monosubstituted or disubstituted with a substituent selected from amino, loweralkoxy, hydroxy and loweralkyl; $NHCH_2CH_2OX$ wherein X represents an in vivo hydrolyzable ester; and C_2-C_4 alkyl-(R^5)(R^6) wherein one of R^5 and R^6 is selected from H and loweralkyl and the other is selected from carboxy-loweralkyl and loweralkoxy-carbonyl; and

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from H, NO_2, halo, di(loweralkyl)amino, loweralkyl and phenyl-S-, with the proviso that R^2 and R^3 are not both hydrogen.

3. (Currently amended) ~~A pharmaceutical composition~~ The method according to claim 2, wherein R^1 is selected from aryl-loweralkyl; loweralkyl-carbonate; amino monosubstituted or disubstituted with hydroxyloweralkyl; benzimidazol-2-yl; $NHCH_2CH_2OX$ wherein X represents an in vivo hydrolyzable ester; and C_2-C_4 alkyl-(R^5)(R^6) wherein one of R^5 and R^6 is selected from H and loweralkyl and the other is selected from carboxy-loweralkyl and loweralkoxy-carbonyl; and

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from H, NO_2, di(loweralkyl)amino, loweralkyl and phenyl-S-, with the proviso that R^2 and R^3 are not both hydrogen.

4. (Currently amended) ~~A pharmaceutical composition~~ The method according to claim 3, wherein R^1 is selected from amino monosubstituted or disubstituted with hydroxyloweralkyl;

$NHCH_2CH_2OX$ wherein X represents an in vivo hydrolyzable ester; and C_2-C_4 alkyl-(R^5)(R^6) wherein one of R^5 and R^6 is selected from H and loweralkyl and the other is selected from carboxy-loweralkyl and loweralkoxy-carbonyl; and

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from H, loweralkyl and NO_2, with the proviso that R^2 and R^3 are not both hydrogen.

5. (Currently amended) A method of inhibiting a neurotrophin-mediated activity in a mammal comprising the step of administering to said mammal an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of:

N-{5-Nitro-1H-benz[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione}-2-aminoethanol;

2-{2-(4-Methylphenylsulphonamido)phenyl}-6-(N,N-dimethylamino)-naphthalimide;

N-Octyl-5-nitronaphthalimide;

3-Amino-7,4-bis(ethyl-1,3-dioxo)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[i]isoquinoline;

2-(Benzimidazol-2-yl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[i]isoquinoline;

3-Methyl-3-(1,3-dioxo-5-nitro(1H,3H)benz[de]isoquinolyl)butyric acid methylester;

N-(4-Ethoxyphenyl)-5-nitronaphthalimide;

Naphthalic acid-N,N'-diimide;

5-Amino-N-butylnaphthalimide; and

N-(1,3-Dioxo-6-phenylmercapto-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[i]isoquinoline)-aminoethanol; ~~and~~ or

a pharmaceutically acceptable ~~salts~~ salt thereof~~, in an amount effective to inhibit~~

~~neurotrophin-mediated activity~~; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A pharmaceutical composition~~ The method according to claim 5 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N-{5-Nitro-1H-benz[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione}-2-aminoethanol;

N-Octyl-5-nitronaphthalimide;

3-Amino-7,4-bis(ethyl-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[i]isoquinoline); and

2-(Benzimidazol-2-yl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[i]isoquinoline.

7. (Currently amended) ~~A pharmaceutical composition~~ The method according to claim 1 wherein the compound of Formula I is N-{5-Nitro-1H-benz[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione}-2-aminoethanol or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method ~~for inhibiting a neurotrophin-mediated activity comprising the~~ according to claim 1, wherein said step of administering comprises the step of exposing neuron cells to an effective amount of ~~a~~ the pharmaceutical composition ~~as defined in claim 1~~.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as defined in claim ~~11~~ 1, wherein said composition is administered intraventricularly.

13. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ A method of inhibiting a neurotrophin-mediated activity in a mammal comprising the step of administering to said mammal an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising an *in vivo* hydrolyzable ester or amide of a compound selected from the group consisting of:

N-{5-Nitro-1H-benz[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione}-2-aminoethanol;

3-Amino-7,4-bis(ethyl-1,3-dioxo)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[i]isoquinoline; and

2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)naphthalimide; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) A method of inhibiting a neurotrophin-mediated activity in a mammal comprising the step of administering to said mammal an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising N-{5-Nitro-1H-benz[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione}-2-aminoethanol or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ~~in an amount effective to inhibit pain,~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method ~~for treating pain comprising the~~ according to claim 20, wherein said step of administering comprises the step of exposing neuron cells to an effective amount of ~~a~~ the pharmaceutical composition ~~as defined in claim 20~~.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method as defined in claim ~~23~~20, wherein said composition is administered intraventricularly.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

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34. (Cancelled)

35. (New) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the neurotrophin-mediated activity is selected from the group consisting of neurotrophin binding to a $p75^{NGFR}$ receptor, neurotrophin binding to a trk receptor, neuron process formation, neurite outgrowth and enzyme induction.

36. (New) The method as defined in claim 5, wherein the neurotrophin-mediated activity is selected from the group consisting of neurotrophin binding to a $p75^{NGFR}$ receptor, neurotrophin binding to a trk receptor, neuron process formation, neurite outgrowth and enzyme induction.

37. (New) The method as defined in claim 13, wherein the neurotrophin-mediated activity is selected from the group consisting of neurotrophin binding to a $p75^{NGFR}$ receptor,

neurotrophin binding to a trk receptor, neuron process formation, neurite outgrowth and enzyme induction.

38. (New) The method as defined in claim 20, wherein the neurotrophin-mediated activity is selected from the group consisting of neurotrophin binding to a $p75^{NGFR}$ receptor, neurotrophin binding to a trk receptor, neuron process formation, neurite outgrowth and enzyme induction.